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TO: ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: WATER LEVELS - BLUE LAKE

The latest visual check of lake levels indicates a height of 288 feet at the reservoir, 14.5 feet above the rule curve. In view of this, I would recommend that at this time we do not request a continued variance from the required minimum releases beyond April 30, 1978 by the method outlined in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's letter of March 6, 1978.

However, should the area precipitation continue its present below normal trend during the summer months, we will have to request once again that releases be adjusted to a level consistent with the severity of the situation.

U.S.G.S. (Sitka Observatory) has reported for the third consecutive month, rainfall less than normal and down a total of 8.15 inches for the year. This is an estimated 28,946 acre feet of lost storage and considered to be 40 days generation at nameplate rating.

We shall continue to monitor reservoir levels closely and will relate current data to both the local offices of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

cc: ✓ Art Schmidt, A.D.F.G.
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